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UM TO DEDICATE UREY LECTURE HALL

MISSOULA --

The University of Montana will hold a public dedication of the Harold C. Urey Lecture Hall at 4 p.m. Friday, April 6, during the Montana State Science Fair.

The ULH, once called the Underground Lecture Hall, honors former UM chemistry Professor Harold Urey, who won the Nobel Prize in 1934 for discovering heavy hydrogen, or deuterium.

During the dedication, University of Oregon geology Professor Gordon Goles, who studied under Urey, will reminisce about his former professor.

Urey is credited with major contributions to space exploration and with scientific explanations for the origin of life and evolution of the universe.

After teaching chemistry at UM from 1919 to 1921, Urey earned a doctorate in physical chemistry at the University of California at Berkeley and taught at Johns Hopkins and Columbia universities.

Urey won virtually every national and international chemistry award offered and 23 honorary degrees. In 1935, UM awarded him an honorary doctor of sciences degree.

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